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QUESTION: Tom, there are six NGOs that published today a report on the secret prisons of CIA in Europe -- in Europe and elsewhere and they published the name of 39 people who apparently disappeared and who could still be in these jails, and the U.S. says they are empty. Do you have any comment on that?

MR. CASEY: The President spoke to this issue in, what, September of 2006? He gave a status report on the program. And as far as I know, there's been no change in that.

QUESTION: And so can you check that -- 39?

MR. CASEY: I would refer you -- no, I would refer you to the U.S. intelligence agencies in terms of U.S. intelligence agency activity.

QUESTION: That's going to be very fruitful and -- that reference. Thank you, Tom.

MR. CASEY: I'm sure it will -- (laughter) -- but my understanding is -- the way the President described that program in his speech is where it is today. But you know, that the people who would be --

QUESTION: But things can change since September. I mean --

MR. CASEY: Right. And I've said that to the best of my understanding that what -- the way he described it in September '06 is where it is today, but the people who could authoritatively answer that question for you are in other agencies of government.

QUESTION: I want to ask again at the briefing, Tom.

MR. CASEY: You can and you'll get the same answer, I suspect.

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